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## REPORT

To Our Readers - Owners

### LETTERS TO EDITORS

Around August of last year a UC professor for whom the present writer has great respect said:

"I read East Bay Labor Journal with great interest, but I often wonder how carefully it's read by labor people themselves, because it doesn't seem to me you receive many letters from your subscribers."

The same comment could be made about practically all labor papers. Their Vox Populi columns are pretty skimpy, if they exist at all. Not long ago the Colorado Labor Advocate, a lively, informative, and provocatively edited labor paper, complained about the fewness of the letters it receives from readers.

Labor, the nationally circulated weekly paper of a group of rail unions, publishes many letters, some of them, which the editor seems to enjoy publishing in its vigorous terms.

### GOODSELL GETS 'EM

On the Pacific Coast, the only labor paper which surpasses East Bay Labor Journal in the number of letters from readers published is, we believe, the Oregon Labor Press. Editor Jim Goodsell's "Out of the Mail Bag" column is always worth reading.

Goodsell, like the railmen's weekly, Labor, publishes some letters which blister the paper, as well as many which intelligently discuss matters touched on in its columns.

But to return to East Bay Labor Journal and the letters it receives. A check has just been made of the 21 Journals published since last Labor Day, and this shows that 22 letters, written by 20 different persons, have been published in those 21 Journals—an average of a fraction over one letter per Journal for 21 weeks.

They bunched a bit, though, for the 22 letters were published in 17 of the weekly Journals.

### EDITORIALS DISCUSSED

Those are not tremendous figures, but they're at least encouraging. They show that there is increasing interest in the paper, too, for a few years ago no such number of letters was received.

Another thing that should be noted is that most of the letters received discuss either something that has been said in this Reader Owner column, or in the editorial column on the last page. Which is one more coffin tack in the loudly proclaimed theory that "no one reads editorials, and there's no use publishing the blamed things any more."

One device that has perhaps helped to bring letters—if it isn't a trade secret—is the regular publishing of an Opinions column right alongside the editorial column. If no letter comes in, we quote the opinions of some other paper, or some book or statesman. Nor are these just thrown in at random; they're carefully selected to keep up the atmosphere of discussion, so to speak.

## Envelope Industry Offer Is Rejected

John Ferro, Printing Specialist 382, reported to the Central Labor Council that there was a vote by the union of 400 to 14 against accepting terms offered by the envelope industry.

"You'll probably be hearing from us again on this," Ferro concluded.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

AUTO MACHINISTS 1546  
STEAMFITTERS 342  
PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL No. 16  
PAINTERS LOCAL 127  
MILLMEN 550  
HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178  
PAINTERS LOCAL 40  
CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257  
UC EMPLOYEES 371  
FIRE FIGHTERS 55



**SENSATIONAL VICTORY** of Hotel & Restaurant Workers in Miami Beach was climaxed by signing of master contract in City Council chamber. Shown, seated from left, are International Trustee Al Berlin of Miami Beach Local 255; International Secretary-Treasurer Jack Weinberger; International President Ed S. Miller; Mediator Abraham L. Baumann, who helped work out the pact; Secretary Martin Moldoff, who signed for the Miami Beach Hotel Association; and Saul Cohen, president of the association. The struggle which went on so long in Florida and which ended so happily was participated in by the local culinary crafts, and the Central Labor Council, which raised money for the strikers and also spent money urging a boycott of Miami Beach until the strike was won.

## Building Trades' Status at Pac. States Steel Discussed

At the last meeting of the Building Trades Council there was some discussion of the status of building trades workers in connection with the \$1,500,000 job on new furnaces and a machine shop at the Pacific States Steel establishment at Niles.

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers said that members of the United Steel Workers are doing much of the work, that men doing carpentry work are getting paid a substantial lower rate than scale for construction work under BTC contracts.

Placards requesting building trades workers not to enter the plant were placed, and observers stationed there. Some of the placards were torn down, some members of the Steel Workers felt they should not enter the plant under the circumstances. Thereupon the company filed an action against the BTC.

NLRB Regional Director Gerald Brown got in touch with Childers and with J. F. Galliano, attorney for the council, indicating the NLRB might ask for an injunction against BTC.

Childers remarked that under NLRB General Counsel Kaemholz there have been more injunctions sought against unions than previously. The council is seeking some way to make it plain that although there is no picketing, building trades men are requested not to work at the plant under present circumstances.

A letter has been sent to President Richard Gray of the AFL-CIO Building & Construction Trades Department outlining the matter. A meeting of that department at Miami will presumably discuss the case.

### TIMBER ROADS

BTC Secretary John Davy read a letter from State BTC President Bryan P. Deavers on the question of whether or not terms of the Bacon-Davis Act, requiring that prevailing wages be paid, apply to the construction of timber access roads. Deavers writes that Senator Kuchel says that the act does apply on such roads, and enclosed a letter from Stuart Rothman, solicitor for the Department of Labor, holding that the act does apply.

### CIVIL ENGINEERS

Childers reported speaking at the second conference civil engineers have held in Northern California.

### BLUE LINE POOLS

It was announced that the Blue Line Pool Co. had signed a BTC contract. The Bayo Vista tract had had a pool put in by the company with workers from Fresno who were non-union. Childers saw the head of the tract, and then placed a picket.

A checkup with Fresno brought out the fact that the company had been operating nonunion there for some three years, putting in 150 pools in the valley. The company expects to put in as many private pools this year, plus 10 public ones. The workers for the company here have now joined the union.

M. B. Dillshaw, Cement Ma-

## Insurance Fund of Baker Union Gives Strong Coverage

Henry Simpson, secretary of Bakery & Confectionery Workers 125, has received notice from the trustees of the international union's health and welfare fund which indicates the scope of the plan.

The notice says that medical and hospital insurance coverage for employees and dependents will remain in full effect, with no further contribution to the fund, for one year after the date of disability.

The notice also states that for one full year after the death of an employee, the coverage for dependents will remain in effect without any further contribution to the fund.

The health and welfare plan, covering members of the union in local 38 States, provides for a payment by employers of \$10 a month per employee. It includes unlimited hospital miscellaneous benefits for the employee, and up to \$1000 for his or her dependents; and a \$300 surgical schedule.

The fund is managed by a joint management-union board of trustees.

The official title is the Bakery & Confectionery Union & Industry National Welfare Fund. The chairman of its board of trustees is James G. Cross, general president of the union; the secretary is George Faunce Jr., vice president of the Continental Baking Company.

Simpson remarks that there is much talk from some insurance company representatives about the impossibility of supplying so thorough a coverage, yet here it is well established in the health and welfare plan of the Bakery & Confectionery Workers International Union.

### SAFETY CONFERENCE

Childers and Charles Roe of Carpenters 1622 were authorized to attend the Governor's Safety Conference to be held at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles February 7 and 8. Childers said that Roe deserved much credit for the good work he had done to establish safety standards and enforcement.

### HAYWARD PICKET

Childers said a picket placed on an E street job in Hayward was soon withdrawn, as the city building inspector stopped the job because the lathing work wasn't up to requirements.

It was announced at the last meeting of Millmen 550 that the class in the operation of stickers given at Laney Trade & Technical Institute, which is usually open only for apprentices, now has room for a few journeymen who may wish to brush up on the use of gauges and templates and other refinements in the operation of a sticker.

Anthony Ramos, business representative of the union, says that Eugene Pardini, who gives the instruction at two-hour classes twice a week under the millmen's apprenticeship program, is known in the trade as a very competent sticker-man.

Anyone interested may apply to Ed Bratset, apprenticeship coordinator at Laney, 237 East 11th St., telephone TE 6-2622.

**PERCY ASH** of Hayward, uncle of Secretary Robert S. Ash of the Central Labor Council, died recently.

Why not pass this copy of East Bay Labor Journal on to a friend when you've finished reading it?

## Teamsters' Brewster, Mohn, Beck, Et Al, On Senate Griddle

Officials of the Brotherhood of Teamsters found themselves on the last two days of last week getting a vast amount of publicity on the front pages of daily papers all over the country, the week closing with a prospect of still more publicity to come a few weeks from now.

On Friday, January 18, Teamsters International Vice President Einar Mohn, who formerly had his offices in San Francisco, challenged in Washington the U. S. Senate Investigation Subcommittee's authority to investigate labor racketeering. Mohn accordingly refused to answer any of the Senators' questions.

Mohn was asked for an explanation of telegrams which the committee said he had sent to other officials of the union in behalf of Teamsters President Dave Beck.

Mohn in these telegrams, it was claimed, called the committee's probe a "fishing expedition" and urged the union officials to challenge the committee's authority.

The chairman of the committee, Senator McClellan of Arkansas, waxed sarcastic at that same day of the hearing on the failure of Beck to appear to give testimony.

### BECK'S ILLNESS

The Senator said that Beck had promised to appear without having a subpoena served on him, but that instead of appearing Beck sent a telegram saying he was too sick to show up, and on his doctor's advice he would stay away. Beck's wire, the Senator said was from Seattle.

Senator McClellan remarked that Beck was just back from Europe, had been able to make that trip, but "since may have become ill."

The next day, Saturday, January 19, Senator McClellan in recessing the hearings until some date after the end of January, announced that when the hearings are resumed, "I intend to subpoena Dave Beck."

### BREWSTER'S HORSES

On that same day before the recess was taken Frank Brewster, head of the Western Conference of Teamsters, refused to answer questions as to whether he and Beck had used union funds to pay their personal bills.

Among the questions Brewster refused to answer were these, according to Associated Press:

Whether union funds were used to "purchase you an automobile... to pay for the maintenance of your horse stable... for repairs to your horse, vans and automobile."

Subcommittee Counsel Robert F. Kennedy took the stand himself at one point and testified that in March, 1953, \$8226 of Western Conference funds were used to "pay some personal bills of Mr. David Beck."

Kennedy declared that the subcommittee also had evidence that union funds were used to pay part of the cost of building Beck's home which, he said, Beck later sold to the union for approximately \$162,000.

### BECK'S HOUSE

On this matter of Beck's house a witness who when called to the stand invoked the Fifth Amendment was John Lindsay, a Seattle contractor, brother of the late Gordon Lindsay, who up till the time of his sudden death a few years ago was secretary of the Western Conference of Teamsters.

Under questioning, Lindsay acknowledged receiving a telephone call from Kennedy last month, when Kennedy was in Chicago and Lindsay in Seattle. Kennedy asked Lindsay Saturday if he remembered saying in that telephone conversation that he had been the contractor on Dave Beck's home and that some of the work on Beck's home was paid "partly out of union funds."

Lindsay refused to answer and took refuge under the Fifth Amendment, explaining that he had already been notified he might be prosecuted for evasion of income tax.

Labor figures of less renown than Mohn and Beck took refuge under the Fifth Amendment, and members of the subcommittee commented freely on this and the attitude of Teamsters officers in general.

### SENATORS' BLASTS

Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin told Mohn: "If you deliberately set out to give the labor movement a (Continued on Page 4)

## Councils' Merger Nearing, Joint Election Anticipated

At the meeting of the Central Labor Council this week, both President John F. Quinn and Secretary Robert S. Ash made it clear that in their judgment the merger of the council with the CIO County Council is near at hand, perhaps only a few weeks off.

Ash said that the final meeting of the committee negotiating the merger for the two councils was at hand, and that while it was impossible at the moment to announce a schedule, it was plain that the proposed merger could not be many weeks off.

The CLC meeting this week was the one at which nomination for the executive committee, other standing committees, a trustee, delegates to the State Federation of Labor, and a fraternal delegate to the Building Trades Council were in order. Then next week nominations could again be made, and at the first meeting in February the election, under the terms of the present CLC constitution, would have to be held.

Accordingly the question confronted the council delegates as to how to avoid holding what seemed a useless election; how to obey the CLC's present constitution, and yet save the council the expense and trouble of an election which might be meaningless, as before the elected persons could take their seats they would have to face an election conducted by the new council created by the merger.

George Hunt, Milk Drivers 302, said that there was no use holding an election that seemingly would be a futile one, so he moved that all the incumbents of the offices at stake be nominated in a body, and that anyone who wished to run against any of them be nominated also.

Joe Hightower, Carpenters 38, raised the point that this might seem, or be, undemocratic, and that no step should be taken which would in any way resemble railroad ing incumbents back into office.

This brought on what delegates sometimes refer to as a "parliamentary wingding," with much discussion of appropriate procedure, a ruling by the chair being challenged and finally overturned, and, at the end, the policy by Hunt being substantially followed.

Among those who discussed the issue were E. H. Vernon, Automotive Machinists 1546; Joe W. Chaudet, Typographical 36; Lew Blix, Dental Technicians; Jeffery Colahan and Al Brown, Milk Drivers 302. Second Vice President Ed M. Ross, Teachers Union, took the chair while the president's ruling was being debated.

All the discussion was on a goodhumored basis, occasionally evoking gales of laughter as the usual intricacies of a "parliamentary wingding" wound and unwound themselves as they do in a democratic body.

So at the end all seemed set for an early merger, and an election then, after a constitutional convention had met, to choose the officers of the new body. However, at the meeting Monday of next week the air is still clear for more nominations.

## Plumbers Seeking Jt. Board Manager

The following notice has been issued from the office of Plumbers 444:

Dear Sir and Brother: It becomes necessary for the Joint Labor Management Board of Trustees to appoint a new Business Manager for the Plumbers & Gas Fitters No. 444, U. A. Joint Industry Board to succeed our late Brother Chas. E. Sweeney.

Anyone who may be interested in applying for the position will be required to write a letter to the U. A. Joint Industry Board, 7312 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, California. All applications must be in that office by 5:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 29, 1957.

Applicants will be notified by telephone to appear for a personal interview before the Executive Policy Sub Conference Committee, 538 - 24th St., Oakland, California, at a specified time on Thursday, January 31, 1957.

Fraternally yours,  
BEN H. BEYNON,  
Bus. Mgr. and  
Fin. Sec. Treas.  
Plumbers & Gas Fitters  
Local Union No. 444, U. A.

## Announcers Thank Labor Council For Help in Victory

Bruce Poyer, secretary of the American Federation of Television & Radio Artists in the Bay Area, thanked the Central Labor Council at this week's meeting for assistance in winning the strike against KROW in the East Bay, and KSFO and KYA in San Francisco.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash sat with the negotiators until late one night last week, and then Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx sat with them from 3 p.m. Wednesday of last week until 7 a.m. Thursday. It was at this marathon session that the settlement was worked out which had the announcers back at work this week.

In addition, Ash had conducted a vigorous drive to bring pressure on Sheldon Sackett, owner of KROW and a chain of privately owned labor papers, for a settlement of the strike.

Poyer in his report to the CLC delegates said that the union had won its demand for a \$15 weekly pay boost to bring its members working for independent stations to the scale of \$165 paid by the network stations. Of this increase, \$10 comes this year, and \$5 next year under the terms of the two-year contract.

Also, Poyer said, the employers agreed to pension and welfare contributions of 5% of an announcer's wage.

Another important benefit is agreement on a minimum amount of overtime that must be paid for any call-in for duty on days off.

Poyer said that in San Francisco the Labor Council there had given the union splendid backing.

East Bay Labor Journal took a good deal of ribbing, some of it goodnatured, at the Central Labor Council meeting this week.

Jack Austin, Typographical 36, pointed out that the paper committed what he said he considered a very serious error last week when it stated that strike sanction had been given to Newsdrivers 96 against the San Leandro Morning News when as a matter of fact strike sanction was not given until later.

Austin said something ought to be done about this. (It's done: East Bay Labor Journal hereby confesses to an error in reporting.)

Later Jack Faber, Cooks 228, announced that his union had reelected its officers, and he added:

"I especially request East Bay Labor Journal NOT to print the story, as it might get it wrong."

Whereupon Homer Stevens, Alameda County School Employees 257, rose to the occasion by stating that this union also had recently had an election, and that he especially wished to commend East Bay Labor Journal for having printed the election story correctly.

East Bay Labor Journal people after the meeting were subject to much kidding for having made the error about the Newsdrivers 96 sanction date, receiving such laughing remarks as "Scoop artists!" and "Tomorrow's news today!"

## City Candidates To Be Discussed

The Candidates Development Committee for Democrats, headed by Roy Mitchell, meets at 8 p.m. next Monday, January 28, at Democratic headquarters, 2105 MacArthur.

There will be discussion of candidates for the coming Oakland election at which the following offices are open: mayor, auditor, 3 city councilmen, and 3 school board members. Mitchell says that all interested are invited to attend.

## Phone Local 9415 Set for Big Drive During Year 1957

Communications Workers of America Local 9415 enters the new year with everything set up for a 9-month organizational drive to enroll any workers of the telephone company who have not yet joined the union.

Under the new structural set-up, there are three vice presidents instead of one as formerly, and the president and each of the vice presidents has specific departments for which responsibility is assumed.

Leonard Lawson is the new president, having in a hotly contested campaign won out over Raymond Trevers, who retired as vice president to enter the presidential race.

The three vice presidents are: Violet Bogan, the former president, who will be responsible for the traffic group (operators); James Mitchell, responsible for plant installers and linemen; Arthur Wade, who will work with those in the accounting and commercial departments.

Ann Moriatt is secretary-treasurer, this office having been created by joining what were formerly two separate offices.

Lawson in addition to the duties of the presidents office will take special responsibility for the Western Electric plant in San Leandro, and for the supplies and transportation department of the phone company, also in San Leandro.

## INDUSTRIAL UNION

The international union is keeping Gus Silva on the job also as an organizer to assist the officers of Local 9415.

Dues have been increased to \$4 per month, another step taken to aid the organizational drive.

Local 9415 is the only CWA local in the U. S. or Canada which includes all operating units of the Bell System as a whole, making it the only fully industrial union in CWA.

To meet this situation the local union is organized in units, each unit having a member of the local's executive board, and an alternate.

Everilda Weisenberger is the board member for the traffic (operators) unit, and Ruth Shuhling the alternate.

George Cosick is board member for the plant unit, and Clarence (Cal) Lord the alternate.

Frank Campbell is board member for the Western Electric repair shop unit, and Ed Farr the alternate.

Other units with board members and alternates not chosen at time of this writing include: dining service, building maintenance, supplies and transportation, and long lines overseas.

## PIONEERS IN UNION

Violet Bogan was the first person to become vice president of the local, taking that office when it was chartered in 1951.

Frank Adams, who has been secretary since the day the local was chartered, has retired, not having run for office when the election was held in December.

President Lawson is one of the originators of the present CWA, which grew out of a great tangle of small unions which presented a confusing picture in the industry years ago. As such, Lawson toiled alongside Joe Beirne, now the CWA general president, Ernie Weaver, Jake Schacht, and Slim Erkau.

Violet Bogan has toiled steadily among the operators since the rise of militant unionism in the industry.

The Western Electric here, says Lawson, has been 100% organized since 1936, and without the benefit of a union shop clause.

## SECOND NOMINATIONS AT CLC MON., JAN. 28th

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash reminds all delegates that second nominations for offices to be voted on at the first meeting of the council in February are scheduled for the council meeting this coming Monday, January 28.

Offices open at this time under the CLC constitution are: 1 trustee, 5 on law and Legislative committee, 5 on the investigating committee, 15 on the executive committee, 2 delegates to the State Federation convention, and 1 fraternal delegate to the Building Trades Council.



## HOW TO BUY

### Beat Price Rises!

By SIDNEY MARGOLIU  
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Seven billion dollars has been transferred from the purchasing power of U. S. families to business profits, or at least paper profits, in the past 12 months by the latest rise in living costs. If yours is an average family, that means \$150 from you. Another seven billion dollars—again, \$150 from each family—is taken for each rise of one percent in interest rates, reports Congressman Wright Patman, who has been fighting the present trend toward higher interest rates and finance charges on mortgages, installment purchases and community needs such as schools and roads.

Nor is the end of the price-boosting yet in sight. A series of hikes is impending on a number of necessities. The most frightening impending increase is on petroleum products. Major producers have just raised the price of crude oil which means higher prices for fuel oil and gasoline.

Since the price of fuel oil was raised last fall and is already at record levels, heating bills are going to be a major problem for many families the rest of this winter. The price of gasoline already has been lifted in the Southwest. The general rise in petroleum products is blamed on the Suez crisis. But the demand from the oil-blocked European countries is chiefly for heating oils. Since some gasoline must be produced to produce fuel oil, and gasoline stocks are already heavy, there is no shortage reason to be blamed by producers for a price boost. Look for retail price-cutting and price wars as the result of the artificial boost by producers in the face of heavy stocks of gas.

Other price increases are impending on vacuum cleaners, men's shirts, furniture, rugs, and almost all fabrics, especially woolsens and synthetics such as nylon, Dacron and acetate. As an indication of the price rises ahead, the spring catalogs of the nation's leading mail-order houses are expected to show increases averaging 3 to 3½ percent over last spring, and 1½-2 percent over the current fall-winter catalogs.

Furniture prices especially will be higher, averaging 5 percent more than last year, and 3-4 percent more than present catalog prices. Rugs will be up about 6 percent from last spring, and 4 percent over current quotations. Draperies and housewares also will cost more.

But true retail prices are already being chopped on two important items on which producers had only recently raised tags, television sets and cars. There is an unsold stock of over two million television sets looking for buyers, and from now until summer, distributors and retailers are expected to cut prices heavily, as they did last spring, to unload this inven-

### Some Good Food

#### French Dressing

¾ cup salad oil  
½ cup fresh lemon juice  
1½ teaspoons salt  
½ teaspoon ground black pepper  
2 teaspoons sugar  
¼ cup crumbled Bleu cheese  
Combine oil, lemon juice, salt, black pepper and sugar. Beat with rotary beater; blend in crumbled Bleu cheese. Yield: 1¾ cups.

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## Barbara Bell Patterns



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### Speaking of Clothes

#### Don't Overdo!

Women go too far, many of the designers sadly agree, says a New York Times article. For 1957 they would have them adopt only the fashions that are becoming to them.

Here are some of the bogies they warned against: Over-dressing; too much hat worn with too much fur; skirts too long; garish accessories; an oversized hat on a short-necked woman; too many petticoats; overabundance of color; the quick, thought-out change, just to be different.

They deplored strong, harsh makeup, eyes made to look too blue, hair too bleached.

"Let us," proposed Pauline Trigere, "try to adopt sobriety. Designers would like to see some firm resolutions concerning footwear too."

From Ireland, Sybil Connolly loosed a shot at the toeless, backless shoe. "I loathe it," she said. "For day, evening or anytime wear, nothing is quite so elegant as the completely cover-up shoe."

Norman Norell's new year would be happier if the sliver-thin heel would vanish entirely, like the grin of the Cheshire cat. "Posing the entire weight of the body on a nail-sized heel is ridiculous," he says.

### Household Hints

#### Ink Spots

Some suggestions based on recent Department of Agriculture research on removing ink spots from washable fabrics are as follows:

To treat ink spots on washable fabrics except inks from ball pens, first soak the stained fabric in cold water for half an hour or as long as overnight. Then rub with soap or synthetic detergent and wash in warm suds. If a stain remains, a chlorine bleach may be used on all fabrics except wool, silk, Vicara and those with special finishes. On fabrics with special finishes use sodium perborate or a perborate bleach in the proportion of 1 to 2 tablespoons to a cup of very hot water. If a yellow stain remains after bleaching, treat as a rust stain. Most inks used in ball pens can be removed by sponging with acetone or nail polish remover.

#### \$1 Minimum Set

ALBANY, N. Y. (AFLCIO) — Hailing the action as "a sound forward step in strengthening the economy of our state," Governor Averell Harriman announced that a minimum wage of \$1 an hour for retail trades has been promulgated by state Industrial Commissioner Isador Lubin.

The new order becomes effective February 15 and covers about 600,000 workers in retail trade. It establishes the \$1 hourly minimum in all communities of the state with a population of 10,000 or more, and in all communities in Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester counties.

Elsewhere the hourly minimum will be 90 cents until January 1, 1958, when the differential will be abolished and the \$1 minimum rate will apply throughout the state.

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### News About Women

#### Careers & Home

Today's adolescent girls are resolving the conflict between homemaking and career that plagued previous generations of American women. They plan to continue their education and work for a time before marrying, and they want white collar jobs for themselves and for their husbands. Only 7 percent wish to marry men who work in factories, on farms, or at a trade or craft.

These are some of the findings of the first nationwide survey of the personal and social interests and aspirations of girls 11 through 18 years of age, made public by the Girl Scouts of the U. S. A.

Based on interviews with a scientifically selected sample of nearly 2,000 girls representing all girls now in the 6th through 12th grades, the survey covers girls, hopes, worries, relations with parents and friends, dating, plans for education, work and marriage.

### Health & Poise

#### Western Diet

People throughout the western States in general have good diets, according to nutrition surveys in California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Utah and Washington. The surveys were made by the State experiment stations co-operating with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. As a basis for these studies records were kept on what 2,000 boys, girls, men and women of various ages ate during a 7-day period. Physical examinations included records of weight, often the indication of too many or too few calories in the diet.

The report that sums up these State surveys suggests simple ways to improve the vitamin-C shortage in adolescent and over-fifty diets: Eat more of such important vitamin-C foods as citrus fruits, tomatoes, green and leafy vegetables and potatoes. Make use of seasonal fruits high in vitamin C such as strawberries and cantaloups. Women and girls are in special need of more milk and milk products to meet their calcium quota.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Berkeley requests that two labor people be named by President John F. Quinn of Central Labor Council to membership on a citizens' committee to advise on the need for new school buildings.

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## To The Ladies FROM THE EDITOR

TOO MANY ITEMS in the daily press these days such as this:

"Police are investigating the tragedy, although indications are that a floor furnace, going full blast in the tightly closed home, may have burned up all the oxygen, causing her to suffocate."

In this particular case it was a Berkeley woman who died. But we have had similar tragedies this winter in various parts of Alameda county.

**WINTERS ARE MILD** here. Don't shut all the windows in the house tight when you have gas furnaces going. It isn't necessary to shut the house tight, and it may prove fatal.

Nor is it only gas heaters in houses. How about the motorists who, if the weather is the slightest bit cool, shut every window in the car, presumably so they can inhale at their ease the deadly carbonic acid gas flung off by the engine?

Are we getting so tender that we can't afford to breathe a little outside air when there is danger of a deadly gas either in the house or in the car killing us?

**DEEP SEA DIVERS** need as much good air as they can get, coming down through the narrow tube which ties them to life.

When you're in a car or in a house, just figure you're a deep sea diver, and keep a lifeline open to the outside air.

## NABET Convention Meets Cut Threat

TORONTO, Ont. (AFLCIO) — Delegates to the first convention of the Broadcast Employees and Technicians under their new constitution adopted a firm policy of action to meet threats of employment cut-backs growing out of automation and picked themselves a new president.

They served notice on management that refusal to grant a shorter work week in future negotiations will become a strike issue.

In addition, they placed on the top priority list a manning clause, designated to guarantee an adequate number of jobs for various operations, and demanded a share in the savings resulting from automation.

Their action followed "stubborn refusal" of the National Association of Radio & Television Broadcasters and the employers to meet with labor on the manpower program resulting from technological improvements.

President Clifford F. Rothery was defeated for another three-year term by Vice President George W. Smith of NABET Reg. IV, with headquarters in Chicago. Executive Vice President Eugene Klumpff of Buffalo won reelection in a contest with two other candidates.

The convention was the first held under a new constitution NABET members adopted in referendum last year. Previously, affairs of the 5,000-member union were run by a National Council composed of presidents of all locals.

### Bias Assailed

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — Treasurer Earl W. Jimerson and Secretary-Treasurer Patrick E. Gorman of the Meat Cutters have called on the union's 320,000 members of the nation to recognize that "segregation is an evil belonging to the dead past."

Devoting the front cover and their lead editorial in the January issue of the Butcher Workman, the union's official publication, to "the end of segregation," Jimerson and Gorman wrote:

"We should start the New Year right. The Negro at last has come into his own."

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## A. Philip Randolph Sends In Story of Alabama Struggle

A. Philip Randolph, general president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, has written the editor of East Bay Labor Journal, calling attention to a pamphlet entitled "Our Struggle: The Story of Montgomery."

The pamphlet, by the Rev. Martin Luther King, leader of the nonviolent protest against bus segregation in Montgomery, Alabama, explains how important has been the role of the Negro churches in conducting this battle for civilization.

"Even upper-class Negroes who reject the 'come to Jesus' gospel are now convinced that the church has no alternative but to provide the non-violent dynamics for social change in the midst of conflict. The \$30,000 used for the car pool, which transports over 20,000 Negro workers, has been raised in the churches. The churches have become the dispatch centers where the people gather to wait for rides."

The pamphlet tells how at the height of the boycott of the buses by the Negroes, 5000 of them would assemble and conclude the meeting with: "Let us pray that God shall give us strength to remain non-violent though we may face death."

And, comments the Rev. Martin Luther King, "death there may be. Many white men in the South see themselves as a fearful minority in an ocean of black men. They honestly believe with one side of their minds that Negroes are depraved and disease-ridden. They look upon any effort at equality as leading to 'mongrelization'. They are convinced that racial equality is a Communist idea and that those who ask for it are subversive. They believe that their caste system is the highest form of social organization."

A. Philip Randolph in his letter to East Bay Labor Journal is functioning as a member of the advisory committee of CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) which on the letterhead is described as "a national federation of local interracial groups working to abolish racial discrimination by direct, non-violent methods."

Randolph in his letter points out that with the specific ruling by the Supreme Court against segregation on local means of transportation, the struggle has entered a new phase. But, he says, "a spirit of patient persistence will be necessary to transform the law into practice."

Randolph has been associated with CORE for some years; it started with the formation of interracial action groups in Northern and Western cities. In recent years, he says, it has spread to the border States, "with dramatic successes in Baltimore and St. Louis."

His final word in the letter is: "Remember CORE's method is one which operates without compromise and yet in a spirit of peace and goodwill."

## Shoe Workers to Boost the Product

BOSTON (AFLCIO) — The Boot and Shoe Workers have withdrawn their long-standing offer to contribute \$100,000 annually to any large scale, industry-sponsored program to promote footwear to the consuming public.

BSWU President John J. Mara said the union will now use its own fund for a promotional program to function under its own auspices. He rapped the failure of the National Shoe Institute to show any active interest in accepting the no-strings-attached offer and said "continued waiting could serve no constructive purpose."

Mara declared the union promotional program would consist primarily of public education services — to inform the public about shoes, shoe values and the shoe industry.

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## Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

CHRISTMAS, 1956, is far in the past. And Christmas, 1957, is not, so far, on the worry list of most of us. We've got income tax, spring gardening, summer vacation, back-to-school and Thanksgiving to struggle through before thoughts of next Christmas get to the serious stage.

Nevertheless, Christmas trees, not for next year, but for 1960, are causing furrows to appear on the brows of researchers in the forestry departments of three eastern universities, Pennsylvania State, Rutgers and Cornell.

Most of us are so benighted as to think that Christmas trees are pretty nice, just as they are. Not so these gentlemen. They are not "ideal."

The ideal tree, it seems, should be green to bluish, and should not show any sign of yellowing during the last three months before Christmas. The needles should be retained for two or more years and should average between one and two inches in length.

This ideal tree should grow about sixteen inches a year, should have a straight stem, and branching should be at an angle of 30 to 60 degrees, with five or more branches a whorl.

Scotch pines, though tending to yellow in the fall, come closest to filling these demands, and these fussy gentlemen are now selecting, crossing and tending these future symbols of the Yuletide.

For Christmas trees are big business these days. Thousands of acres are planted, and crops are cut each year, hence the interest of the Government experiment stations.

As for Santa, he'll have to get his red suit pressed, his beard trimmed and new harness for his reindeer, in order to feel equal to these aristocrats of the forest.

## Rise in Industry Prices Criticized

PITTSBURGH (AFLCIO) — Rising industrial prices are not justified "in the light of the tremendous profits of American industry," President David J. McDonald of the Steelworkers said in expressing regret at the steady increase in the cost of living that has brought wage increases of 3 cents an hour to 700,000 USWA members protected by escalator clauses.

"These rising prices cannot be attributed to the negotiated wage increases such as ours, which were based upon increasing productivity," he said, "nor to the present cost of living adjustment which follows and compensates for, rather than causes, the rise in the cost of living."

McDonald urged "greater restraint" by industry so far as prices are concerned, and called for "appropriate and prompt action by the Administration to prevent any further rise in living costs and to reduce the cost of living."

"While regretting the rise in the cost of living as constituting a burden to American workers and consumers," he added, "the Steelworkers takes pride in the provisions of its contracts which operate to protect the real wages of our membership."

### Teamsters Hike

PHILADELPHIA (AFLCIO) — A new contract covering about 25,000 Teamsters in three states provides a 30-cent increase over a three year period with 15 cents in the first year. The pact was signed with 300 trucking firms in southern New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania.

Another contract with food companies gives some 2,000 drivers, helpers and platform men in the same area a 15-cent boost over a two-year contract.

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## State Merger Up At Meet Feb. 7th

California AFLCIO merger sessions will resume next month says the State Federation Newsletter when committees of the California State Federation of Labor and California CIO Industrial Union Council meet February 7-8 in San Francisco.

The two-day conference will be held in the Clift Hotel. The combined committee, made up of 10 representatives from each organization, held a series of merger sessions in 1956.

In its last meeting held December 13-14 in Hollywood, the State Federation Executive Council expressed confidence that no stalemate existed between the two merger groups, and "was certain" that further committee meetings would result in a "complete and equitable understanding" between the two labor bodies.

The national AFLCIO bodies merged in December, 1955.

## BBB Store Moving Into Alameda Co.

Better Business Buying, Inc., a department store opened less than two years ago in El Cerrito, is moving to Berkeley in Alameda County.

BBB's new building will house a complete department store under one roof at Gilman and San Pablo Avenues, with parking for hundreds of cars. Opening date is tentatively set for February 1.

Leonard Miller, president of BBB Inc. has already signed a contract with Local 1265, Department and Specialty Employees and will do the same he stated, with Office Employees 29, and Warehousemen 853 in the next few days. The company, has been 100% union in its El Cerrito location and will continue to be so in Alameda county, Miller said.

BBB has also contracted to take substantial advertising space in EAST BAY LABOR JOURNAL for the next year. "This paper pulls. We will continue to advertise in East Bay Labor Journal," said Miller.

IXL CANNERY on First Avenue has signed new two-year contract with Engineers 39 for 12½ cents an hour increase now, and same a year from now, with many fringe benefits, announces Business Representative Herb Sims.

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## Dick Merrill of Blue Cross Staff Passes Suddenly

E. L. (Dick) Merrill, who as a representative of Blue Cross worked with many unions in establishing their health and welfare plans, died Monday of a heart attack at the age of 58.

Merrill, who was highly respected by labor people, was in



E. L. (DICK) MERRILL

a restaurant when he suddenly collapsed and was taken to a hospital, where he passed away.

Merrill was born in Bellingham, Wash., spent his boyhood in Alaska, was for some time in the wool industry in Washington, and joined Blue Cross here 10 years ago as enrollment representative. The last five years he specialized in working with labor unions on their health and welfare plans.

Merrill who was always known by the nickname of Dick, attended the University of Minnesota, and played guard on the football team. He resided at 698 Arimo Street, Oakland, with his wife Inez, and is survived by her and by two sons, Richard H. and Edward L. Merrill.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at Truman's funeral parlors, 29th and Telegraph Streets.

Bryant King of Blue Cross said that Merrill was known among his colleagues as an incessant worker and one who had a great liking for the people he met in the labor movement.

## Tobacco Workers Win

GREENSBORO, N. C. (AFL-CIO)—The Tobacco Workers won collective bargaining rights at the new plant of P. Lorillard, Inc., here by an overwhelmingly vote of 507 to 15 in an election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board.

The operation is described as the most modern tobacco processing plant in the world, and will have about 1,000 employees at full capacity.

The union already has contracts at the firm's older plants in Louisville, Ky., and Danville, Va. The company's products include Old Gold, Kent and Embassy cigarettes, Beechnut chewing tobacco, Briggs and Omega pipe mixtures and Buzz, Green Turtle and Mechanic's Delight longcut smoking tobacco.

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## OFFICIAL NOTICES

### To All Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

### Steamfitters Union, Local 342

Registrations for Business Agent, Vice-President, Delegate to the Central Labor Council, Delegate to the Alameda County Building Trades Council and Delegates to the California Pipe Trades Convention to be held in Santa Barbara, April 26, 27 and 28, 1957, are as follows:

Registrations were opened on January 17, 1957.  
First reading of registrants will be held on February 7.  
Registrations will be closed on February 14.  
Second reading of registrants will be held on February 21.  
Election will be held on Sunday, March 3, 1957.  
Polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. March 3, will be considered the first meeting of the month.

Fraternally,  
JAMES MARTIN,  
Fin. Sec'y Bus. Mgr.  
Steamfitters Union No. 342

### Attention!

### Painters of District Council No. 16

Get your copy of the Vacation Plan from your Local Union Office. After the 1st of January, 1957 the employer is paying 7¢ per hour worked into the Vacation Plan. BE SURE to save your check stubs for the ENTIRE YEAR. That is the only way you will be able to check and see if the employer has paid your Vacation money.

IF ANY EMPLOYERS ARE NOT SUPPLYING PAINTERS WITH CHECK STUBS, PLEASE INFORM THE COUNCIL OFFICE—THIS IS IMPORTANT.

Fraternally yours,  
DISTRICT COUNCIL No. 16  
FLOYD PEASLEE,  
Executive Secretary

### Painters Local 127

Members: In the last few months there has been quite a few members suspended from the local for the non payment of dues, my advice to you is to be sure and ask the men you work with for their B. T. card which shows they have paid their dues or for their dues book. You may not know if you could be working with a suspended member or a non union man, a word to the wise is sufficient.

Fraternally yours,  
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,  
Recording Secretary

### Plumbers and Gas Fitters 444

The next meeting of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 U. A. will be a SPECIAL called one to be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, February 7th in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

We will have the regular order of business and SECOND Nominations—For one to fill vacant office as MEMBER OF THE EXAMINING BOARD.

For DELEGATES to the State Pipe Trades Convention.  
For DELEGATES to the State Federation of Labor Convention.  
See you then.

Fraternally yours,  
BEN H. BEYNON,  
Fin. Sec'y-Treas.  
PLUMBERS AND GAS  
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### Millmen 550

There will be a special called meeting Friday, February 1, at 8:00 p.m., Hall A, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland. The purpose of this meeting is to act upon the negotiating committee's report on desired contract changes for the coming year, also to authorize the 6-county conference committee to act as our bargaining agent.

PLEASE BE PRESENT.

E. J. ALLEN, President

Fraternally yours,  
M. D. CICINATO, Secretary

### Hayward Painters 1178

Friday, February 1, is the date for a regular meeting of this local. However, before this date there can be subjects of much interest to us all, that may develop. So it behooves us all to attend this and upcoming meetings and take part in the discussion of these subjects.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary.

### Painters Local Union No. 40

Section 8, Paragraph 4a of the Bay Area Agreement reads in part: "Effective July 1, 1957, an additional amount of fifteen cents will be added, either as basic wage or existing fringe benefit as determined by the District Councils."

Our existing fringe benefits now consist of the Bay Area Painters Welfare Fund and the Vacation Plan. These two fringe benefits together with our basic wage, give us unprecedented liberty of action in apportioning the fifteen cents.

Since labor's representatives will be guided by the wishes of the membership in this matter, a special meeting has been called, January 25, 1957 to discuss and vote upon the manner of applying the fifteen cent increase. Please make every effort to attend.

Fraternally yours,  
BEN RASINICK,  
Recording Secretary

### County School Employees 257

The next regular meeting will be held at 1918 Grove Street, Oakland, on February 2, at 2:00 p.m.

By virtue of the action taken at the January meeting, this is a required meeting to vote on the proposed group life insurance plan. The executive board will meet at 11:00 a.m.

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Fraternally,  
JOE FALLS,  
Secretary

### UC Employees 371

There will be a meeting of this union Saturday evening, February 2, at 8 p.m., at Finnish Brotherhood hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley.

The executive board will meet at 7 p.m.

Election of officers for the coming year will be held at the meeting. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Fraternally yours,  
WALTER N. KENYER,  
Secretary-treasurer

### Fire Fighters 55

The next regular monthly meeting for Local 55 International Association of Fire Fighters will be held on Monday, February 11, at 8:00 p.m., Oakland Fire Department drill tower.

All members are asked to attend in order to assist in the tabulation of ballots.

Fraternally yours,  
A. J. GRAY,  
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## Steamfitters Notes, Local 342

### April Meeting of State Pipe Trades

By JIM MARTIN

The executive board of the California Pipe Trades Council, at their meeting held January 9, in Los Angeles, designated Santa Barbara as the city where the thirty-seventh annual convention of the council will be held on April 26, 27 and 28, 1957.

Representatives of Locals 230 of San Diego and 494 of Long Beach and a committee representing Locals 114 of Santa Barbara, 484 of Ventura and 403 of San Luis Obispo appeared before the executive board requesting that their locals be hosts for this convention. In granting the convention to the Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo local unions, the board felt that due to financial conditions the only way a convention could be held in the area of these small locals would be by a joint venture.

The writer also attended a meeting of the Joint National Apprenticeship Committee held in Washington, D. C. on January 14 and 15. There have been many meetings of this committee as they are continuing revisions of the Steamfitter manuals, text books, and supplements to these books.

In place of the present three-volume set of apprenticeship instruction manuals, the committee is planning to publish one text book containing basic principles and issue a series of twelve supplements of the trade. To date a total of six supplements have been printed with six more under assignment to the committee. The books are used by local unions throughout the United States and Canada. The committee has also finished revising the national steamfitters standards, which are published by the United States Department of Labor in Washington, D. C.

Arrangements have been concluded for our special meeting night to be held February 21. This special night has been designated as Skilled Improvement Night. Motion pictures will be shown and Apprenticeship Coordinator Dan MacDonald of the general office of the United Association will address the membership on the importance of journeyman training and how it affects you and the United Association.

We urge that you attend your union meetings, which are held the first and third Thursdays of each month. Our next meeting will be held February 7.

### Ideal Stewardess

CHICAGO (AFL-CIO) — The Air Line Stewards and Stewardesses are cosponsoring a contest in which one of its 12,000 feminine members will be named the world's ideal airline hostess and receive the "Miss Spirit of St. Louis" Award.

The judges will include Leonora S. Slaughter, executive director of the Miss America pageant; James Stewart, who plays Charles A. Lindbergh in the movie, "The Spirit of St. Louis"; Leland Hayward, who produced the picture, and Ellen Church, the first airline hostess.

The winner will receive a movie screen test and a European sports convertible. She and the runner-up will receive complete wardrobes, a set of luggage and other prizes. The final judging will be held in

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## Dressing Room Chatter

### Theater Changes Reported by B-82

By JOE CONNELLY

United California Theaters (Golden State) are planning several managerial changes. Richard Scott will move from the Del Mar to the Central. Arthur Turner will take over the vacated Del Mar spot, moving from the Fairfax. Manuel Medeiros, who has been out of town, although he formerly managed the Fruitvale will take over Turner's post at the Fairfax. Charlie Harford will move from the Central to the Broadway night managers job, replacing Howard Brooke who will move to the Central.

This is the first mass managerial move within any of the circuits in many years. The top vacancy spot at the Central occurred due to the recent untimely death of Ralph Ford.

Up and down the aisle... Eddie Howard of the Paramount jay - walking a cross Broadway with a prop for the lobby display of "A Bundle of Joy"...

Gail Brollier of the box-office in the same house calling the business office to notify us of her change of address and telephone numbers. She is now living in San Francisco with her sister and comments that she makes better time by commuting from her Nob Hill apartment than she did when she lived in the Lake Merritt district. A sad commentary on Oakland's transportation set-up!

Cecile Miller, of the Grand-Lake box-office attending a recent union meeting and dropping a jack. She claims it belongs to her daughter! Barbara Curd of the same house, who recently became Mrs. Jones, quitting and dropping by to take a withdrawal... Gene Bones who filled in for Otto McMillen on his recent vacation at the Tower is the new doorman at the Broadway, having replaced Giovanni D'Asaro, who was ordered off the job by his doctor.

Charlene Williams is the new addition to the Paramount floor staff... Jessie Lane, quitting the Fox-Oakland box-office... May McKee Campi is back in her old spot in Oakland box-office after having spent the interim at the Globe.

Nominations for elective offices will be held at the regular meeting scheduled for February 13th (2nd Wednesday) at 10 a.m. An election for any contested offices will be held February 21st with polls opening at 10 a.m.

### 'Blue Collar' Pay Bill by Shelley

Congressman John F. Shelley of San Francisco has introduced legislation which would grant retroactive pay increases to "blue collar" federal employees.

This legislation, effecting over 39,000 government employees in the San Francisco Bay Area, would make salary increases ordered by Wage Board surveys effective 30 days following the date such a survey was ordered.

In presenting this bill, Congressman Shelley said, "The latest wage survey lasted from the middle of August, 1956 until the end of December before the increase was effective. This is not only an unjust administrative delay, but in addition usually puts the government wage earner behind his fellow civilian worker and union member on the outside."

FACTORY HIRINGS declined somewhat more than seasonally in November 1956, from 29 to 29 per 1,000, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced.

## Machinist Ladies Have Installation

By OLIVE M. HARVEY  
Press Correspondent

Christmas, New Years, and our installation of officers are all over and now we start our coming year with our new president, Tillie Bartmess at the helm.

Our installation was very beautiful with all the officers gowned in pastel shade evening dresses, and everyone perfect in their own particular part of the installation. President Tillie, charming in pale mauve, was her usual poised and confident self as she accepted the gavel.

Past President Opal Lawrence as installing officer, gowned in white, was very dignified.

Our installing officers, Jennie Cortezzo, graceful in plum color, and Sylvia Rafford, direct contrast in color from Jennie in pale pink was so lovely, and both were perfection in their leadership of the drill.

Our charter member Eva Gallaher, was installing chaplain and our other charter member Isabel Helmuth was also present.

International First Vice President Vern Trotta was a guest and also present were members from two Sacramento, Richmond, two San Francisco, Martinez and Vallejo Auxiliaries.

After the ceremonies were over we retired to the banquet room where delicious food prepared by Cateress Jennie Cortezzo assisted by Eve Hare and Evelyn Gerholdt, was served by Chairman Mary Debernabe assisted by Virginia Draxton, Gladys Lear, Opal Lawrence, and Emma Vice, on beautifully decorated tables of which Chairman Mary and her committee are to be complimented. Also assisting the girls were men members of 1546 and 284 Locals and they really were a great help.

I forgot to mention that a very large group from the Labor Temple Auxiliary, of which Tillie was president last year, were also present.

There was one smiling face which we all missed very much, sister Rose Rodgers, who has not missed an installation for a great many years, has passed on to her great reward this month, and we all missed her.

Another one of our members, sister Marie Dixon, who has never missed an installation that I know of, was not present due to a severe illness for the past five weeks, and it just did not seem right not to have her there right in the middle of everything and all the visitors all wanted to know where Marie was. However my last reports are that she is some better, thank goodness.

Brother and sister Jean Lawrence are the proud parents of a seven pound 13 oz. boy. Last reports Mother, Baby, and FATHER are all doing nicely. Also I hear there are hopes for Grandpa Jake and Grandma Opal recovering.

A group of us motored to Sacramento to help install the two Auxiliaries and we had a lot of fun and enjoyed the trip very much and getting to know our Sacramento sisters, whom we hope will join the Bay Area Council.

The Past Presidents spent a very pleasant evening at Nellie Blanford's for our regular meeting. All active members were present except Marie Dixon, who was still too ill to be present. Next meeting at Eva Gallaher's.

A Happy New Year to every one, and also best wishes to President Tillie and her staff of officers for a happy and successful coming year.

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### Paint Splashes by Local 127

## Painters Praise Childers' Speech

By FRANK JARDINE

At a recent meeting of a women's patriotic organization dedicated to the preservation of constitutional government, the guest speaker was brother Childers, business representative of the Building Trades Council.

Brother Childers is a university graduate, an efficient administrator and very capable of presenting Labor's problems.

He spoke of the necessity of a union and the organizing of a Building Trades Council, the affiliation with the State Building and Construction Trades Council, the State Federation of Labor and finally the American Federation of Labor.

Many controversial issues were presented to him. Brother Childers answered with diplomatic resourcefulness.

Where a turbulent meeting was anticipated there was peaceful understanding.

Finally the speaker emphasized that unions were decidedly democratic; nothing is concealed from the members. An enthusiastic vote of thanks was accorded to brother Childers.

We, the Progressives, have consistently urged that in the field of public relations to clarify misunderstanding, speakers should present Labor's objectives.

The appointment of brother Kopke as a General Organizer of our Brotherhood is an excellent choice. Jack has personality, capability and is very popular in union activities.

Brothers Chambers, Zeppelin, Wallace, Eelsing, Dedrick and others, regarding fulfillment of New Year's resolutions, to be present every second and fourth Thursday.

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## Watchmakers Send Sixty-Day Notice

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

At the last meeting in San Jose held January 15, the membership voted unanimously to request their employers to sign the master agreement that became effective in San Francisco and the East Bay Area, last October. The San Jose agreement expires March 31.

We are, at this time, mailing the sixty-day notice to the employers of Santa Clara County.

We are very happy to report that Harold Green who is operating a jewelry store at 1907 Nevins Avenue, Richmond, is doing well enough to warrant employing an apprentice. Therefore, a boy has been placed on the job and Brother Green has signed the union agreement.

IT'S ANOTHER GIRL FOR THE BYERS FAMILY: Oscar phoned the office today beaming over the arrival of a new daughter born January 20. They have named the baby Janet Mildred. This makes two baby daughters for the Byers' family, and a prouder father never existed — Oscar is just about bursting with joy.

Congratulations, Oscar and Mrs. Byers — we all join with you in your new happiness.

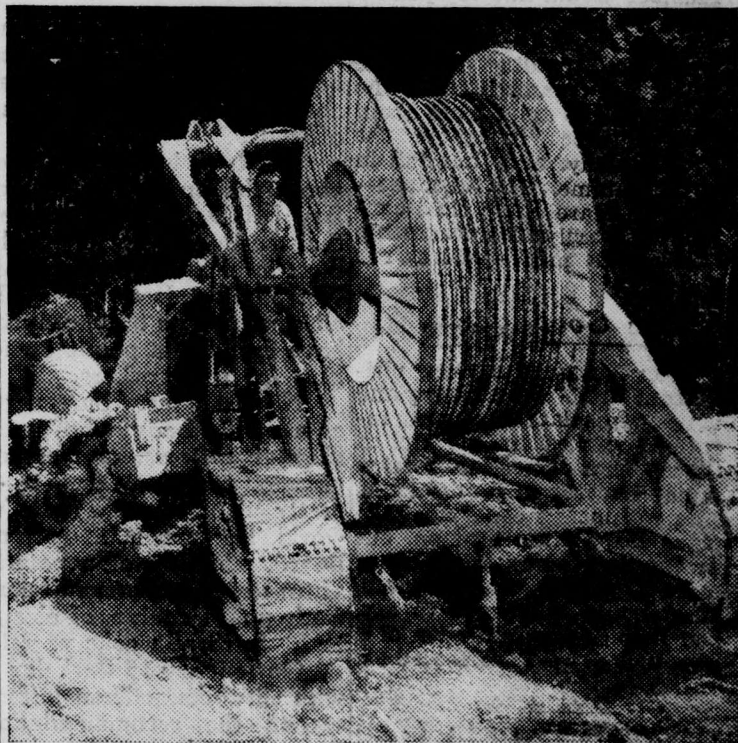
### Award to Eleanor

NEW YORK (AFL-CIO)—The Sidney Hillman Foundation, named in honor of the first president of the Clothing Workers, presented its eighth annual \$1,000 meritorious public service award to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt at a dinner in her honor in the Commodore Hotel.

The award honors those who help to perpetuate Hillman's concepts of enlightened labor-management relations, race relations, civil rights and world peace. ACWA President Jacob S. Potofsky, an AFL-CIO vice president and Hillman's successor as head of the union, presided at the award dinner.



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## OPINIONS

### BROTHER DUNN

Editor, Labor Journal:

I suppose it was coincidental that your editorial concerning the sales tax and the letter of William R. Churchill regarding personal property taxes should have been published side by side in your January 4 issue.

May I say that I agree generally with Mr. Churchill's contention that the personal property tax should be abolished. I am not so sure that the traditional opposition of labor to sales taxes is well-founded in 1957.

It has been estimated that wage earners now pay 55% of real property taxes and something like 50% of sales taxes. I think the whole question points to the need for a re-evaluation of the tax payers and what are the services to be provided from the taxes.

I hope that some day I may be able to express my views on this at greater length in a future letter to the East Bay Labor Journal. However, it might be well if labor groups were to form committees to study the whole problem of taxation and the services rendered by government at all levels, to the people.

Sincerely yours,  
FRANCIS DUNN  
Board of Supervisors  
Supervisor, Second District

## HOW ABOUT THIS

Is the average labor paper dull? Does it contain too much "puff" for labor's leadership? Is it too biased or slanted in its presentation of the news? Does it attempt to entertain as well as to inform its readers? Does it seriously try to compete with other mass media for the attention of its readers? Is it something the average union member would like to spend a quiet evening with on a cold, blustery winter day? Is it recommended reading for those outside of organized labor who would like to know more about unions? Does it ignore the rank-and-file and thus fail in one of its greatest functions—that of maintaining close contact between union leadership and membership? — Labor's Daily.

## ADLAI'S ADVICE

Even before the Suez ultimatum there was a strong and very general feeling in informed circles in the United States that American foreign policy had reached a dead end. The rethinking could not take place during the election, but in the four years ahead what Mr. Stevenson has already said, and should still have to say, can help in the formation of a new policy. — The London Times.

## COAT-OF-ARMS

If we in the United States made new shields after the patterns of ancient heraldry the sign of our civilization would have to be a rampant Cadillac with crossed guns on a field of air-conditioning units. — The Rev. Dr. E. C. Blake, president of the National Council of Churches.

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## EDITORIALS

### Does Labor Like Sales Tax?

The Chronicle reports that the nine-county Bay Area Rapid Transit commission on January 16 "heard two labor spokesmen pledge support of a sales tax to help build the proposed billion-dollar network of fast electric trains."

The two labor men named are Thomas A. Rotell of the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council, who was quoted as saying that "we have absolutely no objection" to a sales tax; and Otto E. Sargent of the Santa Clara County Building Trades Council.

Also, in this issue of East Bay Labor Journal in an adjoining column we are publishing a letter from Supervisor Francis Dunn, a public official with a labor background, in which he says:

"I am not so sure that the traditional opposition of labor to sales taxes is well founded in 1957."

One thing is sure. Messrs. Rotell, Sargent, and Dunn may feel that labor must tighten its belt and wax enthusiastic over the sales tax, but certainly the AFL-CIO research and educational forces haven't come around that to that viewpoint. Just the other day they issued a blast against sales taxes, contending that blocking their increase in Legislatures all over the country is one of labor's big jobs.

### Labor and the Aircadians

The Building Trades Council has authorized a trip to Washington in March by Business Representative J. L. Childers to participate in the annual legislative conference of the Building Trades Department of the AFL-CIO. Childers, along with building tradesmen all over the country, will confer with friendly Congressmen like George P. Miller as well as with hostile and on-the-fence members of the U. S. lawmaking body.

Meanwhile, the National Chamber of Commerce is announcing what aspires to be a still more grass-rootsy deal. They're going to get out with what they call an Aircade and presumably drop down from heaven on "12 key cities" in February. We are properly flattered to learn that Oakland is one of these key cities, and that on February 5 at the Claremont Hotel there will be staged a Congressional Issue Clinic, as the Aircadians call it.

This Congressional Issue Clinic will be co-sponsored by the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, says the National Chamber. The National Chamber is already viewing with alarm bills introduced in the early days of the present session of Congress. To quote the Aircadians' press release:

"The effect of many of these bills, the Chamber said, would be to retard the country's economic growth."

We won't supply a translation of that. Our readers know National Chamber of Commerce lingo well enough to supply their own translation.

The National Chamber, getting out its microscope and sledgehammer, has picked out "some 15 issues of special concern to business."

These 15 issues are listed, and of course include the so-called "Right to Work," the secondary boycott, social security, electric power development, health insurance, housing, and minimum wages.

East Bay Labor Journal's editor could write in advance practically everything the Aircadians will say on these subjects when they descend from heaven on Oakland, but we'll spare our readers the pain. Let the Tribune pretend it's news when the time comes.

### Bureaucrats and Electrocrats

Some of the enthusiasm which labor people once had for the idea of public ownership of utilities and services has been abated, to say the least, by the reappearance of that notorious person, The Tough Boss, in the guise of public officials.

Ed Reith has told the Central Labor Council many times about the unpleasant experiences of the workers for East Bay MUD, and the unions of postal workers have found that the Postmaster General can be just as unreasonable and dictatorial as the manager of a steel mill or a big retail store. Not all Postmaster Generals are that way, any more than all steel mill or big store managers are. But at least, unions have found that public ownership doesn't solve every problem for the workers.

Nor is it just "bureaucrats," that is, appointive officers of a public body who can be tough toward the workers. Elective officers, or electrocrats, if we call them such, on occasion can show their teeth to the employees and make it pretty plain that they don't know what's going on in the world. For example, on January 8 the Berkeley Personnel Board, made up of appointive bureaucrats, if you will, reaffirmed its recommendation to the Berkeley City Council, made up, of course, of elective officials, that city employees be given three weeks vacation after five years of service.

On January 15 Berkeley City Councilman Arthur Harris, with City Councilman Jeffery Cohelan seconding, moved to second the recommendation. Cohelan pointed out that throughout the country there is a definite trend toward the three-week vacation, and Personnel Director William Danielson said that it would be much easier to recruit personnel for the city if the longer vacation were granted.

But the vote against the proposal was 3 to 2: City Councilmen Weldon Richards, John de Bonis, and George A. Pettitt casting the negative votes.

Councilman Pettitt then had the whole question buried alive by moving it over until the end of the fiscal year. Let's hope that by that time some news from the outside world will have percolated into Berkeley, and a majority of the City Council will indicate that they've heard the news.

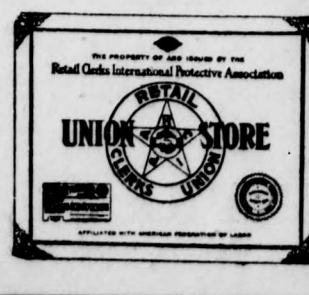
IT'S UNFORTUNATE that the Senate group cross-examining labor leaders includes a man like Joe McCarthy. It would be still more unfortunate if the attitude of labor men before the Senate committee should enable McCarthy, for once in his life, to utter some truths.

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## Time to Get Sewing!



### 8 Labor People in Policy Positions Of United Crusade

Eight representatives of organized labor were among forty-seven persons from Alameda County elected to policy making positions within the United Bay Area Crusade at the second annual meeting of the five-county organization.

Manuel Dias, president of the CIO California Industrial Union Council, was elected a vice president of the fund raising organization, as well as a member of the executive committee. Also elected to serve on the executive committee was Jeffery Cohelan, secretary-treasurer of Milk Drivers. Both Dias and Cohelan have also been members of the board of directors of the Alameda County United Fund. Cohelan was also co-chairman of the recent Crusade drive within the milk industry.

Six others were named to the UBAC Board of Governors. They are Mrs. Violet Bogan, vice president, Communications Workers of America, Local 9415; J. Lamar Childers, business representative, the Building Trades Council; John F. Quinn, business agent for the Bartenders 52, and president, Central Labor Council, Harris C. Wilkin, secretary-treasurer, Food Clerks 870; Edrie Wright, president, Culinary Workers Alliance 31; and Albert Brown, business representative, Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees 302.

All but Miss Wright have previously served as members of the board of directors of the Alameda County United Fund. Miss Wright served three years as a member of the United Fund's labor-management committee.

Mrs. Bogan has also been a member of the labor-management committee, in addition to serving on the admissions and allocations committee of the Crusade.

Childers was co-chairman of the construction division within the Crusade campaign this past year and has also been a member of the labor-management committee.

Quinn, Wilkin, and Brown have also been members of the labor-management committee. In addition to Dias, William Harold Oliver, Alameda County civic leader, and Carl Olsen, president of the Alameda County United Fund, were also elected vice presidents of UBAC, with Oliver being named a senior vice president.

L. H. LINCOLN, Speaker of the Assembly, representing the Fifteenth District, East Oakland, announces a competitive examination for young men in his district to become his nominee for admission to the California Maritime Academy to be held at the Academy in Vallejo at 9:00 a.m., March 16, 1957.

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### Installation of Guild's Officers

The San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild installed officers for the new year at the January membership meeting, held in Moose hall, San Francisco, Sunday morning.

The meeting was preceded by the annual Presidents Breakfast, attended by former presidents of the local, all incoming and outgoing officers of the local, and all incoming unit chairmen.

Paul C. Edwards, who recently retired as a Scripps-Howard executive, was the speaker at the breakfast, recounting experiences of his more than 50 years as a journalist.

Officers installed at the membership meeting were:

President — Ernie Rapley, News; vice presidents — Joe Carroll, Examiner; Jack Russell, San Mateo Times; Bob Guiles, News.

Executive secretary — Sam Eubanks, who went from the old Post Enquirer in Oakland to the international executive-secretaryship of the American Newspaper Guild, and later returned to California; treasurer, Ed J. O'Connor, Examiner; recording secretary — Jack Howard, Chronicle.

### Machinist Prints 178,794 Figures

The January 17 issue of the Machinist, official publication of the International Association of Machinists, devotes 13 pages and part of another page to the printing in exact detail of how every lodge voted on every one of the 43 measures submitted to referendum by vote of the IAM convention.

With the YES and NO vote figure shown on 43 issues for 2079 lodges participating in the secret balloting, it means that 178,794 sets of figures had to be printed, half of them YES, the other half NO. Anyone familiar with printing work will realize the magnitude of the operation.

Editor Gordon Cole says in an editorial, with justified pride, that "few if any national organizations in any field can match the democratic procedures of the IAM."

The International Typographical Union also reports all referendum votes in similar detail to its members.

STANLEY FOWLER, formerly on the Labor Temple staff, writes to CLC President John F. Quinn that wages for bartenders out in the country in the northern end of the State are between \$75 and \$150 a month, and that organizers are needed there.

PACIFIC TELEPHONE announces it has closed the books on the biggest year in its history. The Company set new records for net telephone gain, amount spent on construction, total new permanent financing, number of employees, payroll, and operating taxes.

### Huge Buildup of Labor Force Shown In Next 20 Years

How many Americans will want jobs in 1975? The Census Bureau has attempted to answer this question, not by developing its private crystal ball but by projecting the current trends in the labor force over the next 20 years.

The Census study only gives an estimate of the number of people who in all likelihood will want to have jobs in the future. It gives no indication of whether these jobs will actually be available. Yet the study is valuable.

The study actually includes several sets of estimates for the future labor force, varying with the method chosen to project the current trends.

The differences revealed by these separate projections are not very great. All of them show that the American labor force will be climbing from its present level of about 70 million to an estimated 91-94 million in 1975.

Moreover, the annual increases in the labor force will become larger as the years go by. For the 1955-1960 period, the annual increase is estimated at 900,000; for the following five years, this rises to over 1,200,000 and for 1965-1970, the rate is estimated at over 1,400,000 annually.

The Census estimates that there will be a gradual increase in the proportion of the population (over 14 years) who want to work. It estimates that this "Labor Force Participation Rate" will rise from 55.5 percent in 1955 to 58 or 59 percent by 1975 — AFL-CIO Economic Trends.

## State Senate Setup Adverse To Labor Aims, Declares Fed

Labor hopes for the 1957 state legislative session were tossed into a temporary tailspin last week, State Federation News-letter reports, when the Senate Rules Committee announced (1) membership of the upper house labor committee; (2) new rules of procedure for handling key labor measures in the Senate.

The San Francisco Call Bulletin said the Labor Committee appointments "left liberal Democrats gasping and some Republicans giggling like school girls."

### Teamos' Brewster, Mohn, Beck, Et Al, On Senate Griddle

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black eye you couldn't have done a more effective job."

Senator Mundt of South Dakota commented: "A lot of honest, hard working laboring men are being fleeced and flimflammed by some confidence men and Fifth Amendment Americans who have been playing them for suckers."

Senator McClellan said the subcommittee is well within its rights in its quest for evidence that some labor union officials may have defrauded members through misuse of funds or cheated the Government out of income taxes.

McClellan said the "ultimate effect" of the inquiry will cause the "eradication, at least to a large degree, that putrid element of organized labor, some of which has been exhibited here."

### AL HAYES COMMENT

Since none of the three Senators is famous as a friend of organized labor, more attention was doubtless paid by labor people to the statement of Al Hayes, general president of the International Association of Machinists, and chairman of the AFL-CIO Ethical Practices Committee.

Hayes told the Associated Press that the Ethical Practices Committee will consider expelling any union found by Congress to be involved in labor racketeering.

Hayes said refusal of union officials to testify or furnish union records was up to them and their own counsel, but for his own part he said:

"Under no circumstances would I refuse to give testimony or seek to invoke my constitutional rights."

### TEAMSTERS' COMMENT

The January 18 issue of the Washington Teamster in an editorial headed "Honest Probes vs. Witch Hunts" said in part: "We certainly welcome an honest and fair investigation. We certainly do not welcome a witch-hunt designed for a grab at headline space. The operation of a union, council, or conference is strictly the business of the membership and its elected leaders. We fail to see the alleged association between unions and racketeering. Mention the two together and the public mind so blends them into one..."

"We hardly expect that this article will be filed with the testimony taken this week in Washington, D. C. After all, if a union conducts itself above board — what news is that? Either you've got to bite dogs or be called lower than dogs before you rate Page One these days."

### GOLDEN GRAIN MACARONI

Co. may be struck by Bakers 119 if a long delayed settlement isn't reached, the Central Labor Council has voted.

Makeup of the powerful committee took on new significance when the Rules Committee revealed the seven-member labor body would hear all measures affecting workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance, and unemployment disability insurance laws.

Previously all such compensation measures were heard by the Senate Social Welfare Committee.

The Labor Committee, comprised of two Democrats and five Republicans, is substantially the same committee which killed every piece of progressive legislation that came its way during the 1955 general session. Committee chairman of the labor unit is Robert I. Montgomery (D., Kings), with John F. McCarthy (R., Marin) serving as vice chairman.

Other members are F. Presley Ashire (R., Sonoma), Harold T. Johnson (D., Nevada-Sierra-Placer), John A. Murdy (R., Orange), Louis G. Sutton (R., Tehama-Glenn-Colusa) and J. Howard Williams (R., Tulare).

Under the new bill reference system announced by the Rules Committee, the heart of the state AFL program will be placed before the Labor Committee for life or death action.

In legal language, the rules group said that "all bills amending the Labor Code, or the Unemployment Insurance Code, all bills relating to the unemployed, and all uncodified legislation relating to the same subject" would be the property of the Labor Committee.

The Democratic-controlled Rules Committee is comprised of chairman Hugh Burns (D., Fresno), Charles Brown (D., Inyo-Mono), George Miller, Jr. (D., Contra Costa), James E. Cunningham (R., San Bernardino) and John F. McCarthy. Democrats won control of the policy-making Rules Committee when Burns was elected president pro tempore of the Senate.

Burns' election, giving the Democrats a 3 to 2 edge in the Rules Committee was achieved by switch of two Republican votes in a Senate divided 20-20 between the two parties.

The Rules Committee appoints all Senate committees and sets up regulations for bill processing. Action of the Rules Committee immediately became a major topic in the capitol, since labor proposals to liberalize the state's social system form the core of its 1957 program.

Organized labor is asking for a uniform maximum weekly benefit of \$55, in all programs, plus dependency benefits of \$5 for the first dependent and \$2.50 for each additional dependent.

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